## CLAIMS

## What is claimed is:

1	1.	A computer-implemented method comprising:					
2		receiving, at an application server, a Web service archive including					
3		a Web service implementation, and					
4		a Web service deployment descriptor to describe a configuration of the Web					
5		service implementation on the application server; and					
6	deploying a Web service to a container on the application server based, at least in						
7	part, on the received Web service archive.						
1	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the Web service archive further includes					
2		a virtual interface to provide an operation of the Web service implementation, and					
3		a Web service definition to specify a behavior of the virtual interface.					
1	3.	The method of claim 2, wherein the Web service deployment descriptor comprises:					
2		a Web service deployment descriptor to specify a configuration of the Web service					

- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 registering the deployed Web service with a registry on the application server.
- 1 5. The method of claim 5, wherein registering the deployed Web service comprises:
- 2 automatically registering the deployed Web service with a Java Naming and
- 3 Directory Interface (JNDI) of the application server.

definition.

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1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein deploying the Web service to the container on the 2 application server comprises: 3 deploying the Web service to a Web services container on the application server. 7. 1 The method of claim 1, wherein deploying the Web service to the container 2 comprises: 3 deploying the Web service to a dedicated implementation container. 1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the dedicated implementation is an Enterprise Java 2 Bean (EJB) container. 1 9. The method of claim 7, wherein the dedicated implementation is a servlet container. An application server comprising: 1 10. 2 a network interface to connect to a node; and 3 a processor and logic executable thereon to 4 receive a Web service archive from the network interface, the Web service 5 archive including 6 a Web service implementation, and 7 a Web service deployment descriptor to describe a configuration of the 8 Web service implementation on the application server; and 9 deploy a Web service to a container on the application server based, at least in 10 part, on the received Web service archive. 1 The application server of claim 10, wherein the received Web service archive further 11. 2 includes 3 a virtual interface to provide an operation of the Web service implementation, and 006570.P062 -61-Express Mail No EV325528953US

- 4 a Web service definition to specify a behavior of the defined virtual interface.
- 1 12. The application server of claim 11, wherein the Web service deployment descriptor
- 2 comprises:
- a Web service deployment descriptor to specify a configuration of the Web service
- 4 definition.
- 1 13. The application server of claim 10, wherein the processor and logic executable
- 2 thereon further comprises:
- a processor and logic executable thereon to register the deployed Web service with a
- 4 registry on the application server.
- 1 14. The application server of claim 13, wherein the processor and logic executable
- 2 thereon to register the deployed Web service with a registry on the application server
- 3 comprises:
- 4 a processor and logic executable thereon to automatically register the deployed Web
- 5 service with a Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) of the application server.
- 1 15. The application server of claim 10, further comprising:
- 2 a Web services container; and wherein deploying the Web service includes deploying
- 3 the Web service to the Web services container.
- 1 16. The application server of claim 10, further comprising:
- 2 a dedicated implementation container; and wherein deploying the Web service
- 3 includes deploying the Web service to the dedicated implementation container.
- 1 17. The application server of claim 16, wherein

- 2 the dedicated implementation container is an Enterprise Java Bean (EJB) container; 3 and wherein 4 deploying the Web service comprises deploying the Web service to the EJB 5 container. 1 18. The application server of claim 16, wherein 2 the dedicated implementation container is a servlet container; and wherein 3 deploying the Web service comprises deploying the Web service to the servlet 4 container. 1 19. The application server of claim 10, wherein the application server is a Web 2 application server. 1 20. The application server of claim 19, wherein the Web application server is a Java 2 2 Enterprise Edition (J2EE) application server. 1 21. A system comprising: 2 a means for receiving, at an application server, a Web service archive including 3 a Web service implementation, and 4 a Web service deployment descriptor to describe a configuration of the Web 5 service implementation on the application server; and 6 a means for deploying a Web service to a container on the application server based, at least in part, on the received Web service archive. 7
- 1 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the Web service archive further comprises:
- a virtual interface to provide an operation of the Web service implementation, and
- a Web service definition to specify a behavior of the defined virtual interface.

- 1 23. The system of claim 21, wherein the Web service deployment descriptor comprises:
- 2 a Web service deployment descriptor to specify a configuration of the Web service
- 3 definition.
- 1 24. The system of claim 21, further comprising:
- a means for automatically registering the deployed Web service with a registry on the
- 3 application server.
- 1 25. The system of claim 24, wherein the means for deploying the Web service to a
- 2 container on the application server comprises at least one of:
- a means for deploying the Web service to a Web service container on the application
- 4 server; and
- 5 a means for deploying the Web service to a dedicated implementation container on
- 6 the application server.
- 1 26. The system of claim 25, wherein the dedicated implementation container is an
- 2 Enterprise Java Bean (EJB) container.
- 1 27. The system of claim 25, wherein the dedicated implementation container is a servlet
- 2 container.
- 1 28. An article of manufacture comprising:
- 2 an electronically accessible medium providing instructions that, when executed by an
- 3 apparatus, cause the apparatus to
- 4 receive, at an application server, a Web service archive including
- 5 a Web service implementation,

6	a virtual interface to	provide an o	peration of the	Web service im	plementation.

- 7 a Web service definition to specify a behavior of the virtual interface, and
- 8 a Web service deployment descriptor to specify a configuration of the Web
- 9 service definition on the application server; and
- deploy a Web service to a container on the application server based, at least in part,
- on the received Web service archive.
  - 1 29. The article of manufacture of claim 28, wherein the electronically accessible medium
- 2 providing instructions that, when executed by an apparatus, further cause the apparatus to
- register the deployed Web service with a registry on the application server.
- 1 30. The article of manufacture of claim 29, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to register the deployed Web service include
- 3 instructions that the cause the apparatus to
- 4 automatically register the deployed Web service with a Java Naming and Directory
- 5 Interface (JNDI) of the application server.
- 1 31. The article of manufacture of claim 28, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- 2 by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to deploy the Web service to the container on the
- 3 application server include instructions that the cause the apparatus to
- deploy the Web service to a Web services container on the application server.
- 1 32. The article of manufacture of claim 28, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- 2 by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to deploy the Web service to the container on the
- 3 application server include instructions that the cause the apparatus to
- 4 deploy the Web service to a dedicated implementation container on the application
- 5 server.

- 1 33. The article of manufacture of claim 32, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- 2 by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to deploy the Web service to the dedicated
- 3 implementation container on the application server include instructions that cause the
- 4 apparatus to
- deploy the Web service to an Enterprise Java Bean (EJB) container on the application
- 6 server.
- 1 34. The article of manufacture of claim 32, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- 2 by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to deploy the Web service to the dedicated
- 3 implementation container on the application server include instructions that the cause the
- 4 apparatus to
- 5 deploy the Web service to a servlet container on the application server.